

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Sri J. Joseph, former Tahsildar, Porumamilla (DT cadre), Kadapa District and now retired from service – Allegation of committing certain irregularities in excess drawal of PDS / AAY Rice - Disciplinary action – Punishment of 5% (five percent) cut in pension for a period of one year - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-VI(2)) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 78

Dt:27-1-2011.

Read the following:-

- 1) From the Dist. Collector, Kadapa, Ref.A1/5311/08, dt:24.6.10.
- 2) Govt.Memo.No.30502/Vig.VI(2)/10-1, dt.19.8.10.
- 3) Explanation of Sri J. Joseph, DT (Retd.), dt:27.9.2010.
- 4) Govt.Lr.No.30502/Vig.VI(2)/10-2, dt:20.11.2010.
- 5) From the Prl. Secy., APPSC, Hyd., Lr.No.1742/RT-I/3/2010, dt:6.1.11.

ORDER:

It has been reported by the District Collector, Kadapa that disciplinary proceedings were initiated against Sri J. Joseph, former Tahsildar, Porumamilla (DT cadre), Kadapa District, and now retired from service, duly framing articles of charge on the allegation of certain irregularities with regard to excess drawal of PDS / AAY Rice in respect of four FP Shops in Porumamilla Mandal and having not satisfied with the explanation of the charged officer thereon, the Revenue Divisional Officer, Rajampet was appointed as Enquiry Officer to enquire into the charges framed. The District Collector, Kadapa has furnished the proposals along with enquiry report to the Government for taking further action in the matter under Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 as the individual had retired from service on 31.5.2010.

2. Government, after examination of the enquiry report, have observed that the Accused Officer failed to supervise the things, verify the allotment orders and to make efforts to put a full stop to the irregularities that were being continued before his joining and to avert the misuse of PDS stocks. As the charges were held proved during the enquiry, Government have taken a provisional decision to impose a punishment of 5% cut in pension for a period of (1) year. Accordingly, a show-cause notice was issued to the Accused Officer in the reference 2nd read above. In the reference 3rd read above, the Accused Officer has submitted his explanation to the show-cause notice stating that the Deputy Tahsildar concerned was preparing monthly allotment of essential commodities and getting approval of the Tahsildar and issuing release orders independently even before his joining to duty as Tahsildar, and the same practice was being continued and there was no scope for him to feel any doubt about the Deputy Tahsildar because there was no complaint of the excess allotment from anybody, either public or the dealers, he was believing his

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subordinates and putting signatures and he was busy with multifarious duties such as verification of Indiramma House schemes in four big Panchayats and attending to review meetings. There was insufficient staff as the posts of Senior Assistant, Revenue Inspector and ASO were vacant and many times he had approached Superior Officers to fill up the vacant posts but in vain. He has further stated that besides the above duties, he had inspected (8) FP shops during his tour to villages but no body has brought this to his notice about the excess allotment of rice and moreover the enquiry officer, in his findings, observed that the Tahsildar cannot be found fault with for all the lapses covered by the charges of articles, since they were already existing prior to his joining duty as Tahsildar. He has, therefore, requested the Government to drop the charges leveled against him.

3. After examining the above explanation of the Accused Officer, Government have observed that the pressure of work cannot be a ground for allowing irregularities to take place and the Accused Officer was utterly negligent in discharging his duties and hence decided to confirm the provisional decision taken to impose the punishment of 5% cut in pension for a period of (1) year on the Accused Officer.

4. Government, after careful examination of the matter in consultation with the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, hereby impose the punishment of 5% (five percent) cut in pension for a period of one year on Sri J. Joseph, former Tahsildar, Porumamilla (DT cadre), Kadapa Dist. and now retired from service.

5. The Special Chief Secretary & Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Hyderabad shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASUTOSH MISHRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Special Chief Secretary & Chief Commissioner of
Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
Copy to:
The individual through the Chief Commissioner of
Land Administration, Hyderabad.
The District Collector, Kadapa.
The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The District Treasury Officer, Kadapa.
The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission,
Hyderabad.

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